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11. (S/NF) Deborah Stokes, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) First Assistant Secretary for South Asia, Middle East and Africa will head the Australian delegation, which will include experts from a variety of departments. Stokes told Poleconcouns that Australia is grateful to be included and that she is pushing her colleagues to put together ideas for the meeting. In a separate conversation DFAT Middle East Section Director Jenny Bloomfield told Poleconcouns that a group of Australian intelligence community experts on Iran who just left Washington the evening of September 28 may be asked to go back to participate in this meeting.

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